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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-467865)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (100-10459)(P)

SUBJECT: COLORADO PEACE ACTION COALITION (CPAC)
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Re Bureau airtel dated 10/1/71 bearing four captions including one entitled, "NATIONAL PEACE ACTION COALITION (NPAC) IS - NEW LEFT, Bufile 100-460998" and Denver report of SA BOYD D. ADSIT dated 9/13/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for New York one copy of an LHM covering activities of captioned organization since referenced Denver report. Copies of the LHM are being furnished locally to OSI, NISRA, 115th MI Group, U.S. Secret Service, Denver and to NISO, Chicago.

The Denver Division has no NPAC organization as such, NPAC plans being implemented by CPAC; therefore, this communication and its LHM are being submitted under the CPAC caption.

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Second source is Detective KEITH MOLLOHAN, Intelligence Bureau, Denver, Colorado, Police Department, (by request) located DN 100-10459-244;

Third source is Confidential P. O. Box 1122, located in DN 100-10459-219;

Fourth source is Lieutenant J. EMERINE, Campus Security, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado (by request), located in DN 100-10459-232;

Fifth source is Lieutenant RICHARD L. KRUEGER, Campus Security, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (by request), located in DN 100-10459-232;

Eighth source is Captain CHARLES SANBORN, 115th Military Intelligence Group, Colorado Springs, Colorado, located in DN 100-10459-257;

Ninth source is SA WILLIAM MC NELIS, OSI, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, located in DN 100-10459-277.

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SA's observing 10/23/71 VVAW activities in Denver, Colorado, were SA V. ALAN GOUGH; SA D. NORMAN LANE; SA FRANK R. RENNER, and SA BOYD D. ADSIT.

SA's observing "War Fair" 10/25/71 at Crestmoor Park, Denver, were SA DAVID L. DIRKSE and SA DALE L. PITTS.

SA's observing 10/26/71 CPAC sponsored demonstration at Brown Palace Hotel were SA DAVID L. DIRKSE and SA DELBERT L. SMITH.

SA's observing 11/6/71 CPAC March and rally were SA ELMER A. SAMSON; SA FRANK E. PICKENS; SA DOUGLAS G. BILLS; SA ROBERT S. PAYNE; SA DELBERT L. SMITH and SA BOYD D. ADSIT.

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Denver presently has cases on MARY WALTER, JOE JOHNSON, FERN GAPIN, JOAN FULKS, JON HILLSON, AL BALDIVIA, GARY GUY, JIM SARSGARD, all mentioned in LHM, as well as other active SWP, YSA and SMC members in the Denver area.

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Through informants and other logical sources, will continue to follow activities of CPAC to determine if the organization constitutes a threat to the internal security of the country.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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December 3, 1971

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First and second sources, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised that Colorado Peace Action Coalition members (CPAC) formerly known as the Colorado Peace Coalition, is an ad hoc umbrella committee formed from several antiwar, anti draft groups in the Denver, Colorado, area, which committee includes representation from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) and the Institute/Mountain West (self proclaimed as a small group dedicated to non-violent revolution.) CPAC is largely dominated by Mary Walter and Joe Johnson, both SWP members and recent plans of the committee have implemented those established by the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC). } COLO

members

As the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) serves as the main source of recruitment into that organization. The YSA is described in the masthead of its official publication, "The Young Socialist Organizer," as "A multinational revolutionary socialist youth organization."

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC) is controlled by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and its youth affiliate, Young Socialist Alliance. SMC initiates and supports public demonstrations against the war in Southeast Asia.

National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) was founded in 1970 by members of the SWP. Its basic objective is to unite masses of people, including labor unions, GI's, and the black community in the struggle to end United States intervention in Southeast Asia through orderly and peaceful tactics.

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It is to be noted CPAC, under various names predicated NPAC and information concerning CPAC and its activities prior to September 7, 1971 is recorded in a report dated September 13, 1971 at Denver, Colorado.

I. Location

Second source on September 22, 1971 advised that earlier in September, CPAC had endeavored to obtain office space at the Samuel Elliot House, 1436 Lafayette, Denver, Colorado, but had failed. Thereafter, they obtained space in Room 400 of the Insurance Building, 831 14th Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone 244-4948. On November 3, 1971 second source provided a CPAC leaflet relating to the November 6, 1971 proposed march and rally in Denver, which leaflet contained CPAC's address as set out above.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

II. Leadership

It is noted that the report of September 13, 1971 mentioned above identified Mary Walter, Joe Johnson, both of the SWP, Al Rosenthal, Gary Guy, Jon Hillson and Fern Gapin, all connected with YSA, as being active in the Colorado Peace Coalition, later known as CPAC.

Letters to friends of CPAC were sent out in September and October, 1971, over the signature of Jim Sarsgard. According to the "Denver Post", daily Denver, Colorado, newspaper of October 12, 1971, Sarsgard was identified as a staff member of the Denver Regional Student Mobilization Committee in an article wherein Sarsgard announced plans to implement the schedule of NPAC as contained in NPAC's "Fall Calendar". The September CPAC letter was provided by third source who furnished reliable information in the past and the October 22, 1971 CPAC letter was furnished by first source.

The October 14, 1971 issue of the "Denver Post" contained an article identifying one Al Baldivia, age 22, B. APPROX 1949 graduate of Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, with a degree in Anthropology, as coordinator of the Chicano Task Force for CPAC and as "trail blazer" for the SMC. The article indicates that Baldivia acknowledges membership in YSA. According to the article, Baldivia spoke at "teach-ins" sponsored by CPAC at East High School and Temple Buell College in Denver, during October 13, 1971 National Moratorium activities planned by NPAC.

Young Socialist Alliance member

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The October 26, 1971 issue of the "Denver Post" again identifies Baldivia as a member of the YSA and as chairman of the Chicano Task Force in an article wherein Baldivia and two other Spanish-Americans were interviewed concerning Chicano Task Force participation in the forthcoming antiwar march and rally scheduled for November 6, 1971.

On December 2, 1971 second source advised that as of November 9, 1971 Jim Sarsgard and Al Rosenthal are both working full time with CPAC.

III. Finances

In the September, 1971 CPAC letter furnished by first source mentioned above, it was stated that fund raising had already begun with collections for the Fall Offensive being taken outside movies and concerts. The letter indicated that funds would be definitely needed in the coming weeks with thousands of leaflets, posters, office rent and telephone bills to pay. First source provided a CPAC leaflet on September 20, 1971, which announced a regional antiwar conference to be held September 25, 1971, which leaflet indicated an urgent need for funds. Second source advised on October 15, 1971 that at the October 8, 1971 meeting of CPAC, Jon Hillson reported on the financial picture. CPAC, according to Hillson, was planning a newsletter to be sent to teachers in the Boulder, Colorado, area in an attempt to raise funds. An appeal was to be made to unions to get money and ads were to be placed in school papers for contributions to the Antiwar Fall Offensive.

First source advised on October 23, 1971 that CPAC may be getting money from the Boulder Chapter of SMC at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, since a Boulder SMC spokesman at a CPAC meeting during the Summer of 1971 indicated that SMC had been granted several hundred dollars which could be made available for publishing of leaflets and the like. The November 4, 1971 issue of the "Rocky Mountain News", another daily Denver, Colorado, newspaper, on page 109, contained a large two column ad publicizing the CPAC plans for an antiwar march and rally November 6, 1971. The advertisement contained the statement that it was paid for by the Boulder SMC.

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On October 29, 1971 first source advised that there was a musical concert held at University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, October 24, 1971, featuring Frank Zappa and The Mother's of Invention. CPAC members were present at the entrances to collect funds and pass out leaflets publicizing the November 6, 1971 march. At least 6 persons with coffee cans were collecting the money. Among those leafletting were Jon Hillson and Fern Gapin. First source stated it appeared that they collected a large sum of money. First source stated that most of the cans were about one fourth full. Colo

On December 2, 1971 second source advised that at the November 9, 1971 CPAC meeting it was announced that \$970 were collected at the November 6, 1971 CPAC march and rally, which was enough to keep the CPAC open through December, 1971, and to pay the salaries of Jim Sarsgard and Al Rosenthal.

IV Activities and Ties with Other Groups

In the September, 1971 CPAC letter furnished by third source, mentioned above, it was revealed that the first Fall meeting of the group took place September 8, 1971, and was the first meeting since the August 5, 1971 "Out Now" demonstration sponsored by CPAC. The purpose of the letter was to announce the Regional Antiwar Conference to be held at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, September 25, 1971. The letter indicated that CPAC hoped to involve many different constituencies and to draw hundreds of activists to Boulder. Chicano, college, high school, GI's, labor, women's and gay work shops were to be held. The letter enclosed a leaflet published by SMC advertising the fact that a high school work shop was to be held at the September 25, 1971 conference and another leaflet from NPAC 150 5th Avenue, Room 911, New York, New York, setting forth NPAC plans for Fall, 1971 and identifying CPAC in Denver as a regional peace action center for the November 6, 1971 demonstration.

On September 24, 1971 first source advised that Joe Johnson a member of SWP urged all to attend the September 25, 1971 Boulder conference during his speech at Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado, September 22, 1971. His appearance was sponsored by the SMC group at the college.

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On September 28, 1971 first source stated that the Regional Antiwar Conference of September 25, 1971 was held as scheduled, approximately 100 individuals were in attendance. Information and literature tables were seen for SMC, Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), a militant bookstore and the Women's Contingent of CPAC. First source advised that several individuals connected with YSA and SWP were present, including Fern Gapin, Joe Johnson, Jon Hillson and Gary Guy.

The keynote speech was given by one John Williams. The conference endorsed actions on the following dates: October 13, 1971 a national moratorium involving teach-ins at high schools and colleges in various Colorado cities; October 25, 1971 participation with Vietnam veterans in Veteran's Day activities; November 6, 1971 a massive antiwar rally in Denver, one of 14 or 15 cities where such rallies would be held.

First source stated that among the pieces of literature passed out was an SWP statement on the wage freeze and SWP flier concerning the SWP political campaign banquet scheduled for October 2, 1971 at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado; VVAW fliers concerning a "War Fair" scheduled for October 2, 1971 outside of the stadium at Boulder, Colorado, and concerning VVAW objectives; and a list of Colorado endorsers of the NPAC/CPAC Fall Calendar. This list contained the following, six Colorado State Representatives, two Colorado State Senators; the Mayor of Greeley, Colorado; several religious leaders; several student leaders and faculty members from various colleges and universities; Colorado Labor Council and several labor leaders and members and specifically named individuals connected with the Colorado Migrant Council, San Luis, Colorado; VVAW; American Friends Service Committee; Business Executives Movement for Peace, Denver; SWP; Colorado Rural Legal Services; United Press International, Denver; "Pueblo Star Chieftan"; "Cervi's Journal"; Pruett Press, Inc., Boulder; YSA; Williams Brothers Construction Company, Boulder; Revolutionary Information Project (bookstore), Denver. The September 27, 1971 issue of the "Colorado Daily" independent student newspaper at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, contained an article identifying John T. Williams, ~~teamster organizer~~ from Los Angeles, and an NPAC National Coordinator, as the keynote speaker at the Regional Antiwar Conference September 25, 1971 which was attended by 125 people. The article indicated that Mark ~~Zola~~, of Western COLO NPAC, outlined at the conference projected NPAC activities for the Fall and gave a rundown on actions to date.

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The article indicated that the group sponsoring the conference was now calling itself the Colorado Peace Action Coalition.

A fourth source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 13, 1971, that in connection with the National Moratorium there was a gathering of 25-30 students at the Student Center, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, at noon where antiwar statements were made for 45 minutes. No incidents occurred. According to a fifth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on that same date a march of approximately 60 Colorado University and Boulder High School students took place in Boulder, Colorado. Demonstrators marched to the County Courthouse where a short rally was held. The march was sponsored by SMC and no incidents occurred. The October 13, 1971 issue of the "Rocky Mountain News" and the October 14, 1971 issue of the "Denver Post" (supra) indicated that CPAC sponsored "teach-ins" took place at East and Cherry Creek High Schools and Temple Buell College. On October 20, 1971 first source provided a leaflet which had been posted at Metropolitan State College, Denver, prior to October 13, 1971, which announced a teach-in to be held on October 13, 1971 at the college from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. Among the speakers was to be Fern Gapin.

On October 15, 1971 a sixth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Al Baldivia was present at a Crusade for Justice (CFJ) meeting at Denver, Colorado, on October 13, 1971 where he handed out CPAC leaflets relating to the Chicano Task Force participation in the November 6, 1971 march and rally.

The Crusade for Justice is a militant Mexican-American organization founded in 1968 with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. Its political arm is known as "La Raza Unida" - The United (Mexican-American) People. Its objective is development of the Mexican-American community in political education and social action.

On October 19, 1971 a seventh source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided a copy of a press release prepared on CPAC letterhead announcing the October 13, 1971 appearance of Stephanie Coontz, National Coordinator for NPAC. The press release indicated Miss Coontz

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was currently on a speaking and organizational tour of the Western Regional Antiwar Centers selected by NPAC for November 6, 1971 antiwar demonstrations including Denver. It indicated she was to speak at the University of Colorado, Denver Center, at 8 p.m. on that date and would appear at the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado on October 14, 1971.

On October 23, 1971 Special Agents of the FBI were handed CPAC leaflets being distributed at a VVAW demonstration in downtown Denver wherein VVAW members attempted to join the official Veteran's Day Parade, resulting in the arrest of 83 persons.

On October 25, 1971 Special Agents of the FBI observed representatives of CPAC at the "War Fair" held in Crestmoor Park, First and Monaco Streets, Denver, Colorado. The event was sponsored by VVAW and "Getting Together", a group of active duty military personnel from Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, veterans and other interested civilians who according to their newsletter are concerned about GI's and their problems.

On October 19, 1971 seventh source also furnished a CPAC press release indicating that CPAC planned to demonstrate at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado, October 26, 1971 during the appearance of the Secretary of the Navy, protesting the administrations false Vietnam withdrawal policies.

On October 26, 1971 Special Agents of the FBI observed 18 individuals led by Joe Johnson carrying placards protesting United States involvement in Southeast Asia picketing the entrance to the Brown Palace Hotel. The demonstration started at approximately 6 p.m., lasted for one hour and thirty minutes and caused no incidents.

On November 2, 1971 first source advised that Joe Johnson at a meeting and party of the SWP held October 30, 1971 announced that 100,000 leaflets concerning the November 6, 1971 demonstration had already been handed out, but that even more leaflets were needed.

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On November 2, 1971 eighth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that four individuals including Al Baldivia were taken into custody by the Military Police at Ft. Carson, Colorado, the evening of November 1, 1971 while passing out unauthorized leaflets advertising the November 6, 1971 demonstration in Denver. The four were given letters of exclusion. On November 2, 1971 ninth source, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that two individuals were picked up by Base Police at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, the afternoon of November 1, 1971 for passing out unauthorized leaflets concerning the November 6, 1971 demonstration. One of the individuals was Fern Gapin, both were given letters of expulsion.

On November 3, 1971 second source advised that recent CPAC leaflets indicate that speeches, rallies and assemblies could be expected on November 3, 1971 at Metropolitan State College, East and North High Schools. ~~Joan Fulks of the SWP was scheduled to speak at Metropolitan State College at 11 a.m. on November 3, 1971.~~

~~SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY MEMBER~~

On November 6, 1971 Special Agents of the FBI observed that the CPAC march and rally was held as scheduled, without incident. The main body of the march left City Park, Denver, Colorado, at 1:45 p.m. and were joined along the route by high school students, VVAW, Mother's for Peace contingents and the Chicano Task Force. Estimates of numbers in each contingent as identified by its banner, are as follows:

Chicano Task Force (leading contingent) 400;
Active Duty GI's, 200;
Mother's for Peace, 100;
VVAW, 950;
High School Contingent 200;
Women United Against the War, 100;
Abortion Contingent, 50;
Gay Task Force, 200;
General Body of CPAC, 2000;
Sisters Uniting for Peace (religious group), 50;
Labor Task Force (last contingent), 100.

The total participating was estimated at 5000. Jon Hillson acted as parade marshal and Joe Johnson appeared to be present in a leadership capacity.

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After the march through downtown Denver a rally was held on the West steps and lawn of the Colorado State Capitol Building. Fern Gapin acted as master of ceremonies. The following persons spoke on the theme of Getting Out of Vietnam Now: Sister Mary Joan (Last Name Unknown), Sisters Uniting for Peace; Gloria Howard, SMC, Temple Buell College, Denver; Robert Webb, active duty GI, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, speaking for VVAW; Joe Johnson, requesting donations to offset expenses of the rally; announcements by Gapin regarding a second rally to follow the one in progress to show support for the striking prisoners at Colorado State Prison, Canon City, Colorado, and announcing a war tax resistance rally to be held by another group November 8, 1971; Al Baldivia; Joan Fulks, SWP Senatorial candidate; Jon Hillson, coordinator of CPAC, Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales, leader of the CFJ; (First Name Unknown) Munoz, leader of the Chicano Moratorium and friend of Corky Gonzales, whose appearance was unexpected; Nancy Berman (phonetic) United Women's Contingent of CPAC; Ralph Swain, VVAW; Eric Roth, President, Colorado Labor Council; Cindy Thayer (phonetic) high school student; Ann Bromberg, Gay Liberation Movement; Angela Upon (phonetic) a black high school student, and Dr. Richard Perchlik, Mayor of Greeley, Colorado.

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The main rally finished about 4:30 p.m. and by then only about 60 persons remained. Thereafter, Joe Johnson, Marcella Trujillo, Director of Mexican-American Studies, University of Colorado, Denver, Center, and Corky Gonzales spoke in support of the striking prisoners. The second rally was over by 5 p.m.

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